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(L-R) James Griffin, Joan Ehrlich and the CFC Super Hero attend kick-off ceremonies at the Oakland Federal Building.

CFC Kicks Off in Oakland

Local officials hope to raise \$4.2 million from Federal 'Super Heroes'

OAKLAND, CA – Bay Area federal employees joined their counterparts nationwide in September to kick off the start of the 2005 Combined Federal Campaign (CFC), the largest and most successful annual workplace giving campaign in the world. Last year, federal employees pledged over \$256 million, including more than \$4.2 million locally. Pledges made by federal civilian, postal and military donors during the campaign season support eligible non-profit organizations which provide health and human service benefits throughout the world. The campaign runs from September 1 to December 15.

Dr. Larry Brilliant, an internationally recognized epidemiologist who was asked by the United Nations to oversee communicable disease relief efforts in Southeast Asia following last December's tsunami disaster, served as the keynote speaker at the CFC rally and kick-off. He noted the resemblance between tsunami victims and the fate of the Gulf Coast population in the wake of Hurricane Katrina.

"The people in Southeast Asia were faced with homelessness, suffering, hunger and disease after the tsunami hit last December and you're seeing the same thing in our own country now," said Dr. Brilliant, chairman of the Seva Foundation in Berkeley which

is dedicated to curing blindness in Southwest Asia and Africa. "I got to see the best of America when we led the way to help out the tsunami victims and this year's Combined Federal Campaign will bring out the best in our federal workforce in their efforts to not only help the Katrina victims but also support a host of other charitable organizations that are working to end suffering on all levels."

Joan Ehrlich, the 2005 chairperson of the San Francisco Bay Area/Silicon Valley CFC, said the heart-wrenching photos of Katrina's devastation has touched all Americans.

"Now is the time for federal employees to help and there isn't a better way to do it than through the Combined Federal Campaign," said Ehrlich, head of the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission in San Francisco.

Ehrlich was joined by FEB Chair James M. Griffin, who asked federal civilians, postal workers and military service members to "make the 2005 campaign the most successful one ever."

FEB Executive Development Graduates

Show below (L-R) are Deborah Cefaratti, USCG; Talia Falcon, VA Medical Center; Aabel Mason, DHS; Ali Kiani, USCG; and Leslie Moreli, USCG. They recently graduated from FEB's two-year program with a mission of developing a diverse pool of future leaders in the federal service. The program requires nominees to participate in multiple assignments with a number of federal agencies in order to develop management leadership competencies they'll need to guide the federal sector in the 21st century.

